Statement-III

Number of Villages per Fair Price Shops in Rural Areas

SI. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Population Rural (in lakhs) (as on 1.7.98)	Total No. of Villages		FPS No. of Rural Villages per FPS (3/4)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	527.65	28000	32813	0.85
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.13	3649	842	4.33
3.	Assam	225.85	25590	27466	0.93
4.	Bihar	828.05	77697	47293	1.64
5.	Goa	7.78	369	429	0.86
6.	Gujarat	297.57	18509	10358	1.79
7.	Haryana	141.73	6988	5057	1.38
8.	Himachal Pradesh	58.31	19388	3418	5.67
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	71.57	6705	2237	3.00
10.	Karnataka	340.16	29193	14540	2.01
11.	Kerala	222.97	1384	12279	0.11
12.	Madhya Pradesh	573.86	76220	20489	3.72
13.	Maharashtra	523.31	43025	32400	1.33
14.	Manipur	15.70	2212	1742	1.27
15.	Meghalaya	18.63	5629	3262	1.73
16.	Mizoram	3.48	785	874	0.90
17.	Nagaland	12.41	1225	138	8.88
18.	Orissa	296.91	51057	20980	2.43
19.	Punjab	158.75	12795	8680	1.47
20.	Rajasthan	391.35	39810	14041	2.84
21.	Sikkim	4.72	453	519	0.87
22.	Tamil Nadu	388.88	16780	21684	0.77
23.	Tripura	29.73	856	1185	0.72
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1280.65	123950	64393	1.92
25.	West Bengal	554.24	40889	15628	2.62
26.	A&NIslands	2.65	547	286	1.91
27.	Chandigarh	0.89	25	46	0.54
28.	D&NHaveli	1.62	71	78	0.91
29.	Daman & Diu	0.68	24	7	3.43
30.	Delhi	14.71	209	2739	0.08
31.	Lakshadweep	0.25	23	21	1.10
32.	Pondicheny	2.97	264	153	1.73
	TOTAL	7007.16	634321	366077	1.73

*As per "Basic Rural Statistic" 1996.

Marketing of blended edible oils

671. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review its policy with regard to marketing of blended edible oils;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). Under the current provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, marketing of blends of only two edible oils is allowed. This has been reviewed in this Ministry and a recommendation has been made for appropriate amendment of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, so as to allow marketing of blends of more than two edible oils.

No decision has been taken, so far

Piling up of Foodgrains Stock in FCI Godowns

672. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains worth several hundred crores are on the verge of rotting as the stocks have been piling up in FCI godowns for over three years;

(b) if so, the details of the country-wise position of foodgrain stocks lying unused in FCI godowns for three years, four years, five years and more than five years and the total thereof, with State-wise break-up;

(c) the reasons for such huge stock pile-up, as against set guidelines; and

(d) the details of immediate steps proposed for clearing old stock and measures proposed to ensure that old stocks are not allowed to pile up and for fixing the responsibility for administrative lapses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER